

in CD-ROMs, litigation details, scholarly papers, family histories, environmental and hazardous waste reports, TV commercials—even graphic designs for Harley Davidson motorcycle gas tanks!

Park staff use archival collections for visual aids and exhibits. An interpretive video celebrating the 100th birthday of one of the park's larger artifacts, the 1895 schooner *C.A. Thayer*, was recently produced from archival film of her last voyage. Park rangers use material in slide shows and talks. The park produces educational, informational, and promotional material (lesson plans, brochures, ship plans packages, tour guides, posters, postcards, etc.), and the park's supporting association, the National Maritime Museum Association, often features entire collections in its semi-annual history journal, *Sea Letter*. Still another important indirect use is the production of internal planning documents, like historic structure reports and preservation guides, that aid in the management of the historic fleet.

Although access and use of the archival collections presently proceed through personal contact, the park plans to make descriptions of the collections available through an online biblio-

graphic network, and a World Wide Web home page for the park is almost complete. As a wider audience becomes aware of the park's collections, their use (and value) will increase and diversify.

For research questions, please contact the Maritime Library reference staff at 415-556-9870 (Fax 415-556-3540), or mail your queries to: Reference Staff, Maritime Museum Library, San Francisco Maritime National Historical Park, Bldg. E, Fort Mason Center, San Francisco, CA 94123. For more general information, contact the Public Affairs office, at the same address.

Lisbet Collins Bailey manages the park's museum collection of textual records, including manuscripts, business records, and personal papers.

Erica Schoenhals Toland manages and references the park's museum collection of architectural drawings, charts, and maps.

For general questions concerning the Historic Documents Department, contact the archivists at 415-556-9876; cc:Mail address is SAFR_Historic_Documents, Internet address is SAFR_Historic_Documents@NPS.gov.

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Two Hundred and Sixteen Square Feet of Treasure

Denali National Park and Preserve (DENA) was created in 1980, when the original Mount McKinley National Park, established in 1917, was expanded. When most people think of Denali, the things that come to mind are Mount McKinley and the "big five"—moose, caribou, wolf, Dall sheep, and grizzly bear. About 30% will see "The Mountain." Only a handful will be able to see how it all intertwines to define this young and complex park. Researchers, historians, interpreters, and even superintendents have come to appreciate the hidden treasures in the 12'x18' museum storage room.

The Interpretive Division uses copies of the historic photograph collection for seasonal programs and exhibits. The eminent figure files provide information and anecdotes not found elsewhere. Management has used several documents from the archives to deal with current issues. For instance, National Park Service ownership of the park road was supported by a collection of documents from the archives.

Denali has a multitude of researchers continually working within its boundaries. The Long-Term Ecological Monitoring program has brought

in even more. Wildlife observations, weather, and human activities mentioned in official reports, private journals, and published stories have assisted researchers with background information. In most cases, the archives have been used more than the prepared specimens, although the prepared specimens have come in handy in training field personnel dealing with plants and small mammals.

It is important for researchers to take an active part in museum collections. In Denali's case, a lot of items were collected with minimal information. Researchers have been beneficial in adding and updating items already cataloged. As our collection continues to expand and gaps are filled in, the more our user group will expand. And the more people that are aware of what is in the collection and what it has to offer, the more complete information the collection will have.

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